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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
New Attorney Docket No. 09423.0017-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Michael S. H. CHU et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
	)	
Application No.: 10/017,012	)	Examiner: M. H. Thaler
	)	
Filed: December 14, 2001	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 7794
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR GUIDING A NEEDLE	)	

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 21, 2004,  
please replace the listing of claims provided with the Amendment filed on October 27,  
2004 with the listing of claims provided herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this  
Response.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this Response.